

Introduced by Senators Correa, Alquist, and Steinberg

February 22, 2008

An act to add Section 13515.35 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1531, as introduced, Correa. Peace officer training: autistic persons.

Existing law provides that the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training establish and keep updated various training programs to maintain the level of competence of various law enforcement officers.

This bill would require the commission, by January 1, 2010, to create and make available on DVD and electronically a course on how to recognize and interact with autistic persons. This course shall be designed for, and made available to, first responders, as defined, to emergency situations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13515.35 is added to the Penal Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 13515.35. (a) The commission shall, by January 1, 2010, create
- 4 and make available on DVD and electronically a course on how
- 5 to recognize and interact with autistic persons. This course shall
- 6 be designed for, and made available to, first responders to
- 7 emergency situations.

- 1 (b) For the purposes of this section “first responders” means
- 2 peace officers, firefighters, ambulance attendants, and other
- 3 emergency workers.

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